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### ***Chuck Kriese returns to PTC for Total Tennis Training***

Former Clemson University head tennis coach Chuck Kriese is back at the Palmetto Tennis Center for his Total Tennis Training. This week, he'll lead junior players through drills and play.

For over 30 years, Kriese has guided junior tennis players to successful tennis careers through his Total Tennis Training. Over 14,000 junior tennis players have participated in his camps – many having gone on to receive a college scholarship to play tennis.

In his 33 years as head coach at Clemson, he won four National Coach of the Year awards and became the Atlantic Coast Conference's all-time winningest coach. The Tigers also won 11 ACC Championships in his tenure.

Nine of his former players have reached the top 100 in the ATP world rankings.

"What we try to do with the Total Tennis Training Camps is to go around the Southeast and promote interest in tennis" said Kriese. "There are a lot of kids that are playing tennis and lots of kids that are moving up through the ranks. We try to teach how to do the physical things right, but also the mental things they do on a court and the emotional part.

"We go into different communities around the Southeast and do that," he continued. "(PTC Director of Tennis) Sam Kiser and the City of Sumter have been great ambassadors for not only the Total Tennis Training, but also the sport itself. Sam, (PTC head professional) Mark Reardon and (PTC youth professional) Michael Pereira try to expose their kids as much as possible to camps and other training methods. There is a genuine interest in developing local young players."

Kiser is glad that the partnership with the Palmetto Tennis Center and Kriese's camps has continued to grow.

"The Palmetto Tennis Center is a great facility for not only tournaments, but to hold camps as well," said Kiser. "With 24 lighted courts, the Palmetto Tennis Center allows for any camp to have most – if not all – kids playing at the same time when needed.

“Also with the new DecoTurf resurfacing project on all 24 courts, the kids get to play on the same surface as the professional players do at the U.S. Open.”

Kriese’s camp began on Sunday, July 15 and runs until Friday, July 20.



Susan Wild / City of Sumter

*Chuck Kriese, foreground, watches a few of his campers go through a drill on Wednesday during his Total Tennis Training camp at the Palmetto Tennis Center.*